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MEDICAL DOCTOR SENTENCED TO JAIL FOR FALSIFYING PRESCRIPTIONS AND AIDING AND ABETTING THE UNLICENSED PRACTICE OF MEDICINE

A La Jolla medical doctor was sentenced to jail following his conviction for aiding and abetting the unlicensed practice of medicine, and falsifying a medical record and prescriptions. Roger T. Crenshaw, M.D. was ordered to serve ten days in jail, pay a fine of \$7,200, and complete 200 hours of community service. Crenshaw pled no contest to six misdemeanor violations of the Medical Practice Act on October 8 of this year.

An investigation by the State Medical Board and Department of Consumer Affairs revealed that in 1996 and 1997, Crenshaw provided two San Diego electrologists with hypodermic needles, syringes, and the anesthetic Lidocaine, which he taught them how to inject. The electrologists, Lisa Burchard and Yvonne Christina, were convicted earlier this year of practicing medicine without a license by injecting Lidocaine under the skin of customers before performing hair removal. The investigation also uncovered evidence that Crenshaw falsified medical records and prescriptions for hair removal customers. The case was prosecuted by the Consumer and Environmental Protection Unit of the City Attorney's Office.

City Attorney Casey Gwinn said, "All professionals, including medical doctors, must comply with those laws enacted in their field of practice. Doctors are in a special trust relationship with their patients. Those doctors who violate that trust by committing crimes which put the public at risk should plan on serving time in jail."

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